THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Government of India through a Resolution dated 1st June, 2005 has decided to set up a National Statistical Commission (NSC). The Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) and the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) will be merged into a single entity called National Statistical Organisation (NSO). The NSO will have two wings, namely, (i) Central Statistical Office (CSO) and (ii) National Sample Survey Office (NSSO). The existing National Sample Survey Organisation will be renamed as National Sample Survey Office.

Promotion of sports in Tamil Nadu

1799. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes sponsored to promote sports in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of sports persons from Tamil Nadu who represented at National and International level in various sports; and

(c) the total outlay, allocation and achievements made during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) 'Sports' is a State subject under the constitution. It is, primarily, the responsibility of the State Governments including Tamil Nadu for promotion of sports in the State and no State-wise programmes are sponsored by the Ministry. However, Sports Authority of India is implementing the following schemes for promotion of sports in Tamil Nadu.

1. Sports Authority of India—Training Centre (STC)

   (a) Chennai
   (b) Salem

2. Indigenous Games and Martial Art School Adopted—
   Vivekanand Vidyalaya Kandha Podikara, Ambur, Tamil Nadu

3. Special Area Games (SAG)
   Nagar Coil.

(b) Information is available about trainees who participated in National and International events from the above centres in Tamil Nadu. During the last three years, 343 trainees of these centres represented at the National level and four trainees represented the country in the international level competitions.

(c) The Ministry provides Central assistance to National Sports Federations under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations for participation in National/International tournaments in accordance with the approved pattern. State-wise allocation are not made either for SAI schemes or for assistance to National Sports Federation. The budget allocation under the Assistance to National Sports Federation and expenditure incurred during the last three years have been given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Budget Allocation (Year-wise)			Expenditure incurred (year wise)		
2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
2900.00	4400.00	5031.00	2565.8	2568.88	4053.43

Social security scheme for sports persons

1800. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce social security for the men and women in the sports field; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is already implementing the following two schemes for welfare of sportspersons;

National Welfare Fund for sportspersons:— The National Welfare Fund for sportspersons and their families was set up primarily to assist outstanding sportspersons of yesteryears, who are living in indigent circumstances. The financial support is given in the form of monthly pension up to Rs. 2,500.